GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF POOR QUALITY STATIONERY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the National Archives has pointed out of poor quality of stationery used for official documents as reported in the Hindustan Times dated February 16, 2001;

(b) If so, the details of standards/norms approved by the Bureau of Indian standards for the paper and ink and other stationery items used by Government;

(c) Whether the Government departments are not following the standards/norms laid down by BIS; and

(d) If so, the action the Government propose to take against the erring officials in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir, the various Organisations of the Government of India have been requested to use good quality paper and ink as per specification of the Bureau of Indian Standards so as to ensure the longevity of permanent public records. This has been done in view of the different types of paper and ink available in the market which do not conform to the standards specified by the Bureau.

(b) Bureau of Indian Standards has laid down norms for good quality paper and ink for creating permanent records in July 1961, June 1971 & May 1972 which are the priced publications of the Bureau.

(c) &(d) The Government Departments by and large are following the standards/norms laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards. However, keeping in view the importance of permanent records, National Archives of India has written to all the Ministries/Departments to use BIS mark paper and ink for the purpose.